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REACTIONS IN AN ARRAY FORMAT**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Information Disclosure Statement;
- (3) PTO Form 1449 citing 12 references;
- (4) International Search Report Application No
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- (5) Copies of 6 of the 6 cited references.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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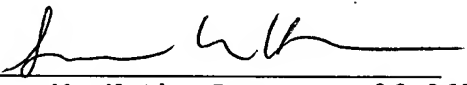
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If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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